

Church News.

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF HAGERSTOWN, MD.

I have just received through a private communication, a statement of what has been done during the last year (the first year of its existence) in a financial way by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Brethren church of Hagerstown, Md. I wish to submit it for the encouragement of other organizations. It will be remembered that the Brethren of Hagerstown, or as a church, are only one year and nine months old. Their new and beautiful meeting-house was dedicated a little over a year ago; and to the Ladies Society they are wholly indebted for the artistic and graceful finishing and furnishing of the building. \$281.03 were, by these sisters, either earned by hard work, or collected by still more difficult labor, and cheerfully used to make their church home attractive, comfortable and becoming. And although this society has not yet seen their way clear to enter the National C. E., we feel sure from the record of the past, that they will by and by. The work they have already done cannot be construed as anything else but in the broadest sense, unselfish, which those who know Hagerstown City and its people will attest. They have given to the brotherhood a pastorate, wholly independent, where a minister of just attainments may find pleasant work, and dear, good, people. All this is largely due to the energy and self-sacrifice of the sisters. With sisters Annie Emmert, Alice and Fannie Schindel, Bertha Byer and others, almost any work would have to go. My own experience as the first pastor of the Hagerstown congregation, was, from first to last joyous. The present pastor, brother E. B. Shaver, has my congratulations and best wishes. Fraternally,

J. C. MACKEY.

Meyersdale, Pa.

FROM MEYERSDALE, PA.

Our late spring series of services closed Sabbath evening, June 9, with the communion. We preached two weeks' sermons nightly prior to the love feast. Ten confessed Christ, nine of whom were baptized, confirmed, and received into the church. One is yet to be baptized. Others, like Felix, are awaiting a more convenient season. The communion was a delightful time. The new converts seemed as happy as birds, and earnestly enjoyed the ordinance. About ninety communed. We expect to make a more protracted effort in the fall.

Fraternally,

Meyersdale, Pa.

J. C. MACKEY.

FROM HUDSON, IOWA.

The Brethren of Hudson, Ia., held their spring communion May 12, which was well attended, considering a rain storm an hour or so before the time appointed for meeting. About fifty surrounded the Lord's table. The brethren and sisters from Waterloo, partook of the feast with us. Come again. Sister Flora of Dallas Center was with us, and we believe did much good by her firm admonitions concerning the Gospel of Christ. We began a series of meetings on the eve of May 13, closing June 2. Sister Flora did the preaching—being assisted by our pastor E. L. Hildebrand. As a visible result of the meeting, the church revived, and six souls made willing to enlist with those who believe in God. Three of those were not raised in the belief of the Gospel as we believe it, and may unite with another church. Let us pray for all to terminate in the glory of God. The other two dear young sisters were led into the waters of Christian baptism last Sunday by our pastor, and we trust came forth to walk in newness of life. Then one dear little sister yet to be baptized. Others have promised to come. May we all be faithful until Christ comes.

MARY DIETZ.

FROM MONTEVALLO, MO.

It becomes a pleasure as well as a duty, to report a brief series of meetings that we have lately enjoyed. Brother Aaron Showalter of Adrian, Mo., was with us, and aided by our pastor, S. B. Leedy, we were favored with some excellent sermons. Notwithstanding the very busy season of the year, short nights, etc., we had a very good attendance. The interest manifested by those that attended were such that one would be impressed that they were seeking after, and was interested in that which would render spiritual strength. While those that as yet, do not stand identified with God's people, demonstrated the fact by their good deportment and interest, that they loved to meet where God and his people meet. A few of the good subjects presented to us will suffice to show what a feast we enjoyed: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12. What think ye of Christ; whose Son is he? These and several other interesting subjects, treated in the beautiful manner which characterizes Brother Showalter, was received with eager attention. Extending to the brethren far and near, our fondest greeting, we are yours in the cause of the Master

W. S. KOKENDOFFER.

CALIF. CAMP MEETING NOTICE.

The time for the commencement of the Brethren camp meeting has been set for August 29, and to continue until Sept. 9. The meeting is to be held in Koch's grove on the Stanislaus River, near the village of Ripon, Sanjoaquin Co. Those coming by rail can stop off at the R. R. Bridge, a few steps from the meeting grounds. Meals will be furnished at the dining hall at very low rates. So low, that no one can afford to board themselves, if they count their work anything. We expect to have a good camp meeting, good preaching, good singing, good attendance, and a glorious revival. Let every one who comes expect it, pray for it and work for it. Come at the beginning of the meeting and remain until the close. Communion service during the meeting; likely the evening of the 31.

Things to remember: First, the time. second, the place, and third, the blessing that all ought too, and will receive, who come in faith believing. With these things before us let us begin now to prepare for the meeting.

By order of the Camp Meeting com.,
Lathrop, Cal. J. P. WOLFE.

FROM BROOKLYN, IA.

At the meeting of the K. C. I was requested to write for your paper. Rev. J. S. Gillin has been our pastor for six months. He preached his last sermon Sunday night. We regret parting with him, for we will miss him in the Sunday-school and K. C. We had communion services here Saturday evening, and one was baptized Sunday afternoon. I think we can all prosper by Mr. Gillin's teaching. The K. C. have sent for Bibles which will be used in our meetings.

I remain,

ELMER MILLER.

FROM MEXICO, IND.

Two have confessed Christ since our revival, making twenty-seven for this year so far. The communion May 27, was a very enjoyable meeting to all. Have very interesting prayer-meeting. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew now. All take their Bibles and have very profitable talks and much benefit to all by the exchange of thought.

MRS. L. B. SKINNER.

FROM CARLETON, NEB., AND BETHANY, KANS.

Our love-feasts at both churches have been held, and both largely attended. At Bethany last Sunday, we received three additions. At Carleton, a lady said she would talk with her husband and try and have him come. Our work is progressing.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.